

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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| In the Matter of |) | |
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| Petition of Citizens Telecommunications |) | |
| Company and Qwest Corporation for Joint |) | CC Docket No. 96-45 |
| Petition for Expedited Waiver of the Definition |) | |
| of "Study Area" Contained in Part 36 Appendix- |) | |
| Glossary of the Commission's Rules |) | |
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Order

Adopted: February 28, 2002

Released: March 1, 2002

By the Chief, Accounting Policy Division:

1. On December 22, 2000, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana and Qwest Corporation filed the above-captioned Joint Petition for Expedited Waiver of the definition of "study area" contained in Part 36 Appendix-Glossary of the Commission's rules.¹ In the petition, the parties sought to delete ten exchanges from Qwest Corporation's Montana and North Dakota study areas and to establish a new study area for Citizens Telecommunication Company of Montana consisting of these exchanges. On August 9, 2001, Qwest Corporation submitted a request to withdraw the above-captioned petition.² We grant the request to withdraw and dismiss the petition.

2. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to authority delegated under sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, that the request to withdraw the above-captioned Joint Petition for Expedited Waiver IS GRANTED.

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, that the above-captioned Joint Petition for Expedited Waiver IS DISMISSED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Katherine L. Schroder
Chief, Accounting Policy Division

¹ Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana and Qwest Corporation, Joint Petition for Expedited Waivers of the Definition of "Study Area" Contained in Part 36, Appendix--Glossary of the Commission's Rules (filed Dec. 22, 2000).

² Letter from Phillip Roselli, Senior Attorney, Qwest Corp., to Magalie Roman Salas, Federal Communications Commission, filed Aug. 9, 2001 (For purposes of deciding this matter, we treat Qwest's letter withdrawing its Petition as a request for withdrawal).

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